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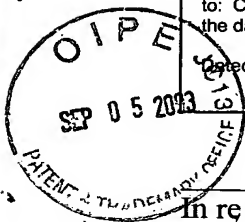
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Vincent Ling, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/085906

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Art Unit: 1634

For: POLYMORPHIC ELEMENTS IN THE
COSTIMULATORY RECEPTOR LOCUS AND
USES THEREOF

Examiner: J. Switzer

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action (Paper No. 0603) dated June 5, 2003. A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a method for determining the predisposition of a human subject to develop autoimmune disease using polymorphic microsatellite repeat, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- II. Claim 13, drawn to a PCR primer, classified in class 536, subclass 24.3.
- III. Claim 14, drawn to a method for determining the predisposition of a human subject to develop autoimmune disease, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Applicants hereby elect **Group I (Claims 1-21)** and **SEQ ID NO:352 (SARA 31)** for prosecution in this application, *without traverse*.

Applicants reserves the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

Applicants believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. GNN-5343CP2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.